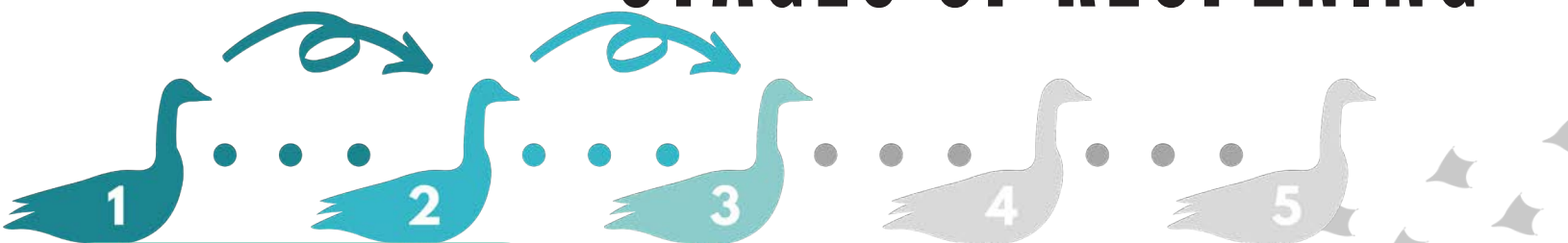


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LAKE BLUFF LIBRARY STAGES OF REOPENING



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Voter Registration

We are partnering with the League of Women Voters to bring you current information on how you can register to vote or get your ballot by mail. Find more information about how to vote on **page 2**.

Take Ten Takes Off!

Take Ten is a brand new service that makes it easier for you to find new books and movies to enjoy. For more information, see **page 2**.

Do you have a Library Card?

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month: why not celebrate by signing up for a card? See **page 2** for details.

"so, are you open yet?"

Library Service Update

We are writing this issue in August while we are currently in Stage 3 of our reopening plans and it's difficult to predict what our services will be like by the time the newsletter arrives in Lake Bluff homes in September. (And one thing we have learned about the COVID-19 pandemic is that plans tend to change quickly and without warning!) Because this newsletter will be around until the end of November, we are encouraging everyone to visit one of the following sources for the most current information about our services:

- Library website (lakeblufflibrary.org)
- Facebook (@[lakebluffpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/lakebluffpubliclibrary))
- Instagram (@[lakebluffpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/lakebluffpubliclibrary))
- Library eNewsletter (subscribe at lakeblufflibrary.org/newsletter)

Zoom Programs

Library programming will continue to be virtual through at least the end of November. To attend a Library program, you must register on the Library website through our Events calendar. The link to the Zoom meeting will be automatically emailed to you upon registration.

News You Can Use

New Staff Member!

Please give a warm welcome to our newest staff member:

Kenna McBean, Shelver

Digital Resources

Have you checked out our digital resources? They're 100% contactless and available to you from your home 24/7. Information about eBooks, databases, and more may be found on our website under the **Explore** menu.

Are You Registered to Vote?

National Voter Registration Day is September 22 and we are partnering with the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff to bring you information about voting in the general election on November 3.

Voter Registration

Did you know that if you have an Illinois Driver's license or State ID card, you can register to vote online? Visit illinoisvoterguide.org and click **Register to Vote** to get started. For more information, visit lakecountyil.gov/361/Voter-Registration.

Vote by Mail

Voting by mail is a safe, secure, and convenient method of casting a ballot. To cast your vote by mail, you must first request your ballot. Any time between now and **5pm on October 29**, registered voters may submit a request to receive a paper ballot by mail. Visit LakeVoterPower.info to complete your request online or to fill out the paper application. Ballots will be mailed beginning **September 24** and must be postmarked or hand delivered to the County Clerk's office by **November 3**.

Take Ten!

A New Way to Find Books & Movies to Love

Imagine this: you don't know what to check out next from the Library. You sigh in despair, eyes filling with tears before you remember that your local library has a service to solve this very problem. You go to their website, fill out a fancy webform with your likes and dislikes, and within mere business days, trained professionals have set aside a personalized set of ten items for you to check out.

Wouldn't that be amazing?

Good news: you don't have to imagine it. This idyllic daydream is, in fact, our brand new Take Ten service! Visit lakeblufflibrary.org/take-ten to get started.



We Won TWO Awards!

We are thrilled to announce that this year, we won TWO awards from different divisions of the American Library Association:

- **Katie McLain Horner**, our Head of Circulation and Reference, won the **New Leaders Travel Grant** from the Public Library Association (PLA). This grant is awarded to new librarians and funds travel expenses for major professional development opportunities. Katie was able to use this grant to attend PLA's biennial conference in Nashville prior to the pandemic.
- The Summer 2019 issue of *Off the Shelf* won a **PR Xchange Award** from the Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA). This award recognizes the very best public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year. The Summer 2019 issue was designed and edited by staff members **Jillian Chapman** and **Martha Cordeniz O'Hara**.

We'd like to thank the Academy, Nancy Pearl, Mom, Dad, our agent—



National Library Card Sign Up Month

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month, so now is the perfect time to make sure that you've got a Lake Bluff Library card in your wallet. If you can't make it into the Library right away, no worries: we're issuing temporary cards online at lakeblufflibrary.org/temporary-cards.



FALL PROGRAMS

Don't Forget: We're on ZoOoOoOoOoOM through November!

All programming is subject to change; please visit the Library website for the most current information, as well as full program descriptions.

Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted with an asterisk (*)

Community

Halloween for All Ages | 10/26-10/31*

We'll have Halloween treats for all ages available for pickup. Pickup options may vary depending on current COVID restrictions.

Adult Programs

Knitwits | 9/10, 10/8, 11/12 @ 7pm

Join us for an evening of knitting and chatting.

Afternoon Book Club

9/15, 10/20, 11/17 @ 2:30pm

September: Meet Me At the Museum

October: Pachinko

November: An American Marriage

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price | 9/17 @ 7pm

Learn about college financial aid with Joe Orsolini, a nationally respected authority on college planning.

Emancipation to the White House | 9/21 @ 7pm

Clarence Goodman will share the rich legacy of Black Chicago, from Emancipation all the way to the White House.

College of Electoral Knowledge | 9/24 @ 7pm

What exactly is the Electoral College? Terry Lynch will explain its purpose, history, and more.

What Home Buyers Want & the New Needs Due to COVID-19 | 10/1 @ 7pm

Real estate broker Marissa Hopkins will tell you what buyers are looking for, how to prepare your house, and the impact that COVID-19 has on all of it.

Remembering Historic Route 66

10/9 @ 2:30pm | Leslie Goddard presents the history of Route 66.

They Shall Be Counted | 10/12 @ 7pm

Take a tour of They Shall Be Counted, a gallery of original artwork by Erich Lichtblau-Leskly currently on display at the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency | 10/15 @ 7pm

If anyone can explain Bitcoin and cryptocurrency, it's Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People. Join him and learn all about this new technology.

LIVE Trivia Night | 10/21 @ 7pm

Visit lakeblufflibrary.org/trivia for details. Registration is required for this event.

Notorious RBG: The Life & Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg | 10/22 @ 7pm

Arielle Weininger, Chief Curator of Collections & Exhibitions at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, will present on the life of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Secret Chicago | 10/29 @ 7pm

Did you know that there's a pool under the Loop? Jessica Mlinaric will present on the unusual and obscure Chicago locations described in her book, Secret Chicago.

Winston Churchill: A Life Well-Lived

11/6 @ 2:30pm

Daniel Myers, executive director of the Churchill Centre in Chicago, presents photo and audio excerpts of the speeches of Winston Churchill.

8 Hidden Gems Using Google | 11/13 @ 2:30pm

Lesley Peters will teach you about Google apps that help you stay organized, work smarter and search our world more effectively.

Online Trivia Night

Available from 11/13 @ 4pm–11/17 @ 10am*
Visit lakeblufflibrary.org/trivia for details.

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Board

9/10, 10/8, 11/12 @ 7:30pm

Meet new friends, hear about the latest books, earn volunteer hours, and give us your two cents about teen services.

Children's Programs

Storytime | Tuesdays, 9/15-11/17 @ 10:30am

Storytime is moving to Zoom! Join Ms. Mary and Ms. Regina for fun stories and songs.

Family Pajama Storytime

9/16, 10/21, 11/18 @ 6:30pm

Have the whole family join Ms. Regina for stories, fingerplays, songs and movement as your day winds down.

Graphic Novel Club

9/19, 10/17, 11/21 @ 1:00pm

September: Goldie Vance vol. 1

October: Lola, A Ghost Story

November: Positively Izzy

Minecraft Mania | 9/26 @ 1:00pm, Ages 7-10

Join us for 90 minutes of nonstop excitement with Minecraft's Creative Mode.

Parent/Child Book Group | 10/12 @ 6:30pm

Spend some quality time with your child and join us for this fun book group! Read the book aloud or independently and then join us for a casual discussion.

October: My Father's Dragon

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9/15 at 7:00pm

Tuesday, 10/20 at 7:00pm

Tuesday, 11/17 at 7:00pm

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends are a non-profit organization that raises funds to support the Lake Bluff Library. New members are always welcome.

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Saturday, 9/19 at 10:00am

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STATEMENT ON PROGRAMMING

All Library programs are free of charge and open to everyone. You do not need a Library card to attend a program. Registration is required for all virtual programs unless otherwise noted. Library programs are presented to offer differing viewpoints, and are not intended as endorsement by the library of views expressed by, or actions suggested by, individual speakers or groups.

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